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In re patent application of

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PROTECTION NETWORK

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, please consider the following:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.